

Berlingske Tidende 27 October 1966 Page 2

TOFTE SUES CIA

A letter which the Chief of the Intelligence Organization wrote to the Danish Born Agent has been Removed by CIA

The Danish born intelligence officer Hans V. TOFTE, who was dismissed from the intelligence organization, CIA, effective 15 October, has taken a new approach in his dispute with CIA: Hans V. TOFTE has filed a case in Washington today against CIA's Director, Richard Helms, and three others who he holds responsible for the disappearance of a letter connected with TOFTE's connection with CIA.

Hans V. TOFTE wants the letter returned and if it is not, he wants a settlement of 25,000, ca. 175,000 Dkr. CIA has earlier stated that the letter never existed.

Background of Suit

Regarding the background of the suit, Hans V. TOFTE's lawyer R. D. SCOTT, told Berlingske Tidende's Washington correspondent:

As you remember, the CIA-TOFTE Case started when 2 agents from CIA entered TOFTE's Georgetown home and seized some documents belonging to CIA, but some belonged to TOFTE.

That same evening, TOFTE went to a meeting at CIA Headquarters in Langley to explain why he had the classified documents in his home and that some of the documents were private and he wanted and got them back.

Among the paper was a folder in which TOFTE had his letter of recommendation and his American citizenship certificate. Later TOFTE discovered that one of the letters in the folder was missing. It was a letter from CIA's Director Richard Helms. In the letter, Helms wanted TOFTE to remain permanently with the Agency in consideration of his outstanding qualifications.

THE TOFTE CIA Affair developed from there as you remember with CIA annulling his contract on 30 days notice. The dismissal was effective 15 October.

(continued)

SECRET